

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-9 and 14-21 remain pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 19, 20 and 21 are the pending independent claims. Each of these claims includes a limitation neither disclosed by nor made obvious in view of the prior art. For example, each independent claim recites “receiving from the user an option associated with the recorded event . . . wherein the option includes a protective indicator to indicate that erasing of the recorded video is prevented”.

Boyce’s “thumbs up” rating referred to at page 3, lines 16-19 of the Office Action is not a “protective indicator” as recited in the present claims. Boyce only provides ways to “designate a hierarchy for deciding which programs are to be deleted” (Boyce at paragraph [0028] lines 5-6). Examples of ways to determine a deletion order in Boyce include using, e.g., (1) a thumbs up count; (2) number of users who have viewed the recording; (3) recent viewings and (4) categories of programs – see Boyce at paragraph [0028] and Boyce’s Deletion Order screen 18 of Fig. 3. This is in contrast to the present invention which provides an indicator to “indicate that erasing of the recorded video is prevented”.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly sought. The undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number below at the Examiner’s convenience if it would help in the prosecution of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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